

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS TO CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**

## **One U.S. Government at the Border Subcommittee Executive Summary – Trade Progress Report October 2015**

### **1. Background:**

The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC) determined to carry on the work from the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Term COAC One US Government at the Border Subcommittee. The Mission of the Subcommittee is to implement the January 15, 2013 COAC 12<sup>th</sup> Term Recommendation:

*That CBP pursue interagency partnership programs following the principles and standards set forth in the One US Government Master Principles Document and progress toward completion can be measured via CBP reporting quarterly back to COAC on progress being made to implement programs that align with these principles, principally through the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC).*

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### **Outline of Work**

The Subcommittee continued its work in promoting the One USG Master Principles document through the newly formed North American Single Window Vision Working Group. The previous Single Window Working Group and CPSC Working Group have been stood down.

### **2. Summary of Work**

#### **North American Single Window Vision Working Group**

The North American Single Window Vision Working Group (NASWV WG) was formed, consisting of importers, filers, software vendors, Canadian and Mexican trade partners and CBP representatives. The focus of the WG is to facilitate a collaborative dialogue between CBP, partners in CBSA and SAT, and the broader trade community to clarify the future vision for a potential North American single window, predicated on specific operational, enforcement or facilitation objectives, with a goal of enabling process improvement and information sharing. Three initial meetings have been held – two by the WG leadership and the initial, full membership meeting. Two “homework assignments” have focused on: 1) identifying the concept of a North American Single Window and three business challenges and opportunities, and 2) improving and finalizing the WG Statement of Work (SOW). The WG will continue its work and prepare recommendations for a vote at the January 2016 public meeting.

## **Other Work**

In addition to the work of the NAWSV WG, the IUSG subcommittee is also collecting feedback on the various PGA pilots. This feedback will be summarized and presented in the committee's public remarks.

## **2. Next Steps**

The Subcommittee intends to continue its work with the North American Single Window Vision Working Group with the intent of providing formal recommendations at the February 2016 public meeting.

In addition, the subcommittee will continue to monitor CBP, PGA, and trade readiness as the ACE rollout continues, and will provide feedback to CBP and make recommendations as appropriate.

We conclude by reiterating our previous statement:

*It is imperative that the trade community and government agencies establish mutual understanding for the future of data exchange, engagement expectations and cooperate to achieve the appropriate risk based mitigation standards that secure cargo movement and facilitate trade at the speed of business.*